What is Claimed:

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- A transparent data sheet comprising:
- (a) a transparent durable film,
- (b) a transparent fragile layer, and
- (c) at least one security element

wherein printed identification and/or verification information is sandwiched between the transparent durable film and the transparent fragile layer, and the two layers are laminated together.

- A transparent data sheet comprising:
 - (a) a transparent fragile layer,
 - (b) a second transparent fragile layer, and
 - (c) at least one security element

wherein printed identification and/or verification information is sandwiched between the two transparent fragile layers, and the two layers are laminated together, with the proviso that the laminate is durable.

- The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the transparent fragile layer is a holographic foil.
- 4. The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the transparent fragile layer is a retroreflective layer of glass beads in a beadbond layer.
- The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the
 transparent fragile layer is a foil.
 - The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the transparent fragile layer is a optical stack.
- 30 7. The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 further including a high refractive index coating, coated on the outer surface of the transparent fragile layer.

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- 8. The transparent data sheet according to claim 7 further including a protective coating, coated on the outer surface of the high refractive index coating.
- 5 9. The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 wherein the transparent fragile layer is a multilayered polyurethane film.
 - The transparent data sheet according to claim 1 wherein the durable film is a multilayer optical film.
 - 11. The transparent data sheet according to claim 10 wherein the multilayer optical film is comprised of at least one material that exhibits stress induced birefringence.
 - 12. The transparent data sheet according to claim 1 wherein the durable film is a polyester, polypropylene, polycarbonate, polyimide, or cellulose acetate.
 - The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2, wherein the transparent fragile layer is comprised of more than one fragile material.
 - 14. The transparent data sheet according to claim 1 wherein the durable film is comprised of one or more durable layers.
- The transparent data sheet according to claim 2 wherein the second
 transparent fragile layer is a retroreflective layer of glass beads in a beadbond layer.
 - 16. The transparent data sheet according to claim 1 wherein the transparent durable film is a multilayer optical film and the transparent fragile film is retroreflective layer of glass beads in a beadbond layer.

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- 17. The transparent data sheet according to claim 2 wherein the the transparent fragile film is retroreflective layer of glass beads in a beadbond layer and the second transparent fragile film is a holographic foil.
- 5 18. The transparent data sheet according to claim 1 wherein the transparent durable film is a multilayer optical film and the transparent fragile film is a holographic foil.
- The transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2 further
 including a layer of hot melt adhesive.
 - 20. In combination:
 - (a) transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2, and
 - (b) a passport, wherein the transparent data sheet is inserted or otherwise attached to the passport.
 - 21. In combination:
 - (a) transparent data sheet according to claims 1 or 2, and
 - (b) a document of value, wherein the transparent data sheet is inserted or otherwise attached to the document of value.
 - 22. The combination according to claim 21 wherein the document of value is an indentification card.
- 25 23. A process for manufacturing a transparent data sheet comprising the steps of:
 - (1) providing a printable surface of a first fragile layer,
- (2) providing a second layer, which is a durable layer or is a fragile layer, with the proviso that combination of the first and second layer provide a 30 durable sheet, and
 - (3) providing instructions for printing and assembling the transparent data sheet, such that upon assembly, the two layers are laminated together.

- 24. A process of manufacturing a transparent data sheet comprising the steps of:
 - (1) printing identification information onto a surface of a first layer and
- 5 (2) laminating this first layer, printed side to the inside to another film or layer, wherein both layers are optically transparent and one layer is more fragile than the other.